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Gentlemen:

With regard to docket number 9600320N02 (daytime running lights):

I have recently read of a proposal to reduce the allowable brightness of daytime running lights. I think this is proper, and I urge you to make them as dim as possible. But a 4-year phase-in period? This means we all have to suffer with these obnoxious lights for 4 more years, and allow the car manufacturers to put that many more of them on the road.

Please reduce the phase-in period to zero. And, as long as you are correcting this mistake, what about all the obnoxious lights that already exist? Every last one of them should be recalled and replaced!

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P.S. - Some really blinding aftermarket lights are starting to appear - mostly those that mount in the spoiler area below the front bumper. Please include them in your standard also.